(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) The Postal Unions have not raised any issue regarding the formation of a Corporation during discussions so far. However, the Unions are opposing form-i'ng out some activities, of postal services to private individuals and organisations on the ground that it will result in non-e.xpansion of the department and wiU also adversely affect the promotional prospects of employees-

(d) The Government have received recommendations for revision of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 from a Committee which was. set up to review the present *Act.* A Bill to replace this Act can be finalised after Govern ment decides on the recommendations of the -Committee.

Intro duction of Radio-Paging Service

2017. SHRI G. Y. KRISHAN: WiU the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS bo pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that radio, paging firms have sprung up overflight and several private companies, with no past. lit;lc present, but hopefully plenty of future have got themselves registered in different names in the hope of bagging at least one licence: and

(b) if so, which are the shortlisted firms and in which of the cities raido-paging services are being introduced and licence given to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir, Department of Telecommunications invited tendere. from registered Indian Compa. nies for franchising of radio paging service on a 'non-exclusive basis in 27 cities. In all 83 bids were received. Out of these, 19 bidders were shortlisted on the basis of eligibility criteria. One of the eligibility condition was. that the Indian company should have experience in the wide area radio paging system. In cases the Indian company does not have such experience, then it can have a foreign partner with requisite experience. All the 19 parties shortlisted met the eligibility criteria and financial tenders were issued to them, Financial tenders have since been evaluated and 15 bidders have been provisionally shortlisted. The shortlisted bidders have been asked to convey their acceptance by 11.3.1994. However, som,e of the u'nsuccesisful bidders have filed civil writ petitions in the High Court of Delhi and the matter is *subjudice*

(b) A lis!, indicating the names of the shortlisted bidders and the cities for which they have been provisionally shor.itsted, is annexed.

Statement

List of provisionally shortlisted bidders for and paging service (27 CITIES)

S. No.	Name of the Company	Cities
1.	M/s. Arya Communications and Electronics, 105 Maker Chambers VI, 220. Nariman Point, Bombay—400021.	Bombay, Bangalore.
2.	M/s. Matrix Paging (India) Pvt. Ltd., Anil Chambers (Near Crown Mills), Andheri—Kurla Road, Sakimaka, Bombay—400072.	Pune, Vadodara, Rajkot, Surat.
3.	M/s. Telesistem (India) Pvt. Ltd., 23/1, XIth Main Road, Near Post Office. Vasant Nagar, Bangalore—560052.	Madras, Bangalore, Ernakulam, Coimbatore, Trivandrum, Madurai.

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4.	M/s. Essjay Telecom Services Pvt. Ltd., 13, Masjid Moth, DDA, Commercial Complex, New Delhi—110048.	Delhi, Bombay.
5.	M/s. India Telecomp, Telecom House, L-12, South Extension-II New Delhi—110049.	Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Pune, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta.
6.	M/s. Mobile Communications Ltd., 505, New Delhi House, 27, Bara Khamba Road, New Delhi—110001.	Delhi, Calcutta, Madras, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Pune.
7.	M/s. Hutchison Max, Telecom., 12th Floor, Devika Tower, 6 Nehru Place, New Delhi—110019.	Ahemadabad, Bangalore, Pune, Vadodara, Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Ludhiana.
8.	M/s. Modi Telecommunications Ltd., 12, Friends Colony, New Delhi—110065.	Madras, Bhopal, Kanpur, Jaipur Chandigarh, Lucknow, Indore, Varanasi.
9.	M/s. Easy Call Communications (India) Pvt. Ltd., LB/5, Anjat Bhavan, 16, Kasturba Gandhi Marg., New Delhi - 110001.	Calcutta, Hyderabad, Nagpur Indore, Bhopal, Vishakapatnam Patna.
10.	M/s. Microwave Communications Ltd., 1202, Chiranjiv Tower, 43, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019.	Bombay, Calcutta, Vadodara, Ahemdabad, Surat, Rajkot.
11.	M/s. ABC Communications (India) Pvt. Ltd., 44B, Nariman Bhawan, Nariman Point, Bombay—400021.	Delhi, Kanpur, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Varanasi, Ludhiana, Amritsar.
12.	M/s. Usha Martin Telecom Ltd., 503, Hemkunt Chambers, 89, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019.	Nagpur, Rajkot, Ernakulam, Indore, Coimbatore, Bhopal-Varansi, Patna, Madurai, Vishakapatnam.
13.	M/s. Weston Pagers Pvt. Ltd., Weston House, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi - 110020.	Kanpur, Nagpur, Surat, Jaipur, Vadodara, Chandigarh, Rajkot-Lucknow, Vishakapatnam, Trvandram.
14	M/s. BPL System and Projects Ltd., 64 Church Street, Bangalore—560001.	Ernakulam, Trivandrum.
15.	M/s. Beltron Telecommunications Ltd., J-189, Peoples Co-operative, Lohianagar, Patna—800020.	Sura, Nagpur, Patna, Ludhiana Amritsar.

Procurement of changed number Announciog Machines

2018, SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the 'number of changed number announcing (CNA) machines procured by the Department of Telecommimica-twns so far and the capital outlay involved therin;

(b) the names of the firms which sub mitted tenders for these machines and were shortlisted and with whom order was placed ultimate'iy and the number and lines thereof; and

(c) (he cities where these will be ins talled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS